

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

<b>In re Application of:</b>	<b>Group Art Unit:</b>	3672
Khamir Girish Joshi et al.	<b>Examiner:</b>	Sunil Singh
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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

This reply is submitted in response to the Non-Final Office Action dated October 28, 2010. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in light of the following remarks.

**Amendments to the Drawings:** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Specification:** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims:** begin on page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks:** begin on page 10 of this paper.